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(54) **Tamper evident reclosable bag**

(57) A reclosable package (10) is provided having a front wall (12) and a rear wall (14) joined at the bottom (16) and sides (18,20) and an open top (22) containing a zipper (24). The zipper (24) has a first profile (26) and a second profile (28), each including interlocking members (30,32) adapted to mate with each other. One profile (28) has a flange (36) secured to its associated wall (14) at a location proximal a top end of that wall (14). The second profile (26) has a flange portion (34) secured to the other wall (12) proximal a top end of that wall (12) and to the first wall (14) at a location below the location at which the first flange (36) is secured to the first wall (14). A line of weakness (50) extends along the second flange portion (34) parallel to the profile interlocking member (26) and between the two securing points. Thus the flange (34) provides a tamper evident hermetic seal for the contents of the bag (10).

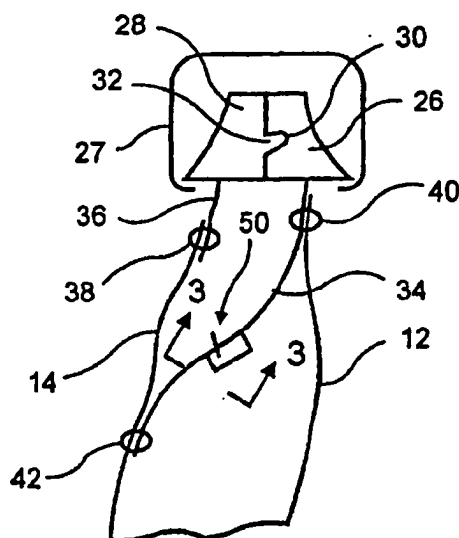


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